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Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 17th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 3rd, 4th, 5th and 36th meetings, on 12 and 13 October and 23 December 2005. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/60/SR. 3, 4, 5 and 36).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on measures to strengthen accountability at the United Nations (A/60/312);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the contribution made by the Department of Management to the improvement of management practices, and time-bound plan for the reduction of duplication, complexity and bureaucracy in the United Nations administrative processes and procedures (A/60/342);

(c) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inspection of programme and administrative management of the subregional offices of the Economic Commission for Africa (A/60/120);

(d) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/60/418).

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II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.17

4. At the 36th meeting, on 23 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inspection of programme and administrative management of the subregional offices of the Economic Commission for Africa" (A/C.5/60/L.17), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Nigeria.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.17 without a vote (see para. 8).

B. Draft decision A/C.5/60/L.29

6. At its 36th meeting, on 23 December, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Questions deferred for future consideration" (A/C.5/60/L.29), submitted by the Chairman.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/60/L.29 without a vote (see para. 9).

III. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

8. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

[see A/C.5/60/L.17]

9. The Fifth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

[see A/C.5/60/L.29]